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THREE CENTS.

EL MAHDI'S MARCH.

He Is Rapidly Advancing Toward Khartoum With a Large Force.

More Sheiks Are Revolting, and the Black Troops Mutiny.

Osman Digma Means to Contest the Advance of the British Troops.

Gen. Gordon Will Probably Change His Base of Operations.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Gen. Graham's troops remain encamped between Trinitat and Cape Madka, under the guns of the squadron. Following the council of Gen. Gordon, Admiral Hewitt decided to await the arrival of the horse artillery before ordering an advance. Admiral Hewitt has sent an order to Suakin for 500 black troops to go and bury the dead of Baker Pasha's army lying on the field at Teb. Many hundred bodies are lying unburied, filling the air with a noxious taint. An outbreak of cholera is feared in the camp. The blacks who refused to proceed to Trinitat yesterday left Suakin for that place today on being assured that they were not wanted to fight.

A cavalry reconnaissance was made today toward Teb. The Arabs were found in force between Teb and the earthworks thrown up by Baker Pasha. Every sign indicates that Osman Digma, the rebel leader, means to contest the advance of the British troops.

It is reported that the government, acting under the advice of Gen. Lowe, the adjutant general of the forces, has ordered Gen. Graham to transfer his base of operations to Suakin, whence with a strengthened force of men and artillery he is to march to assault Tameh, Osman Digma's headquarters.

The report that El Mahdi was marching toward Khartoum is confirmed. He liberated twelve members of the Catholic mission before leaving El Obeid, receiving a ransom of £2,500 through the Austrian consul at Khartoum.

El Mahdi's inaction after his victory at El Obeid is explained by the fact that finding that the sheiks of the principal tribes wished to go home with their spoils in order to attend to the harvest, he proclaimed a holy truce during the month of Moharrem and Sofar, ending on the date of the anniversary of the birth of the prophet. That time having expired the campaign has been resumed.

STAKIN, Feb. 25.—A mutiny occurred this morning among the black troops. They dispersed through the Bazar, and threatened to join the rebels. Admiral Hewitt will therefore retain a number of marines at Suakin, and the blacks will be sent to Cairo forthwith.

Spies report great rejoicing in the camp of Osman Digma at the fall of Tokar.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—It is positively asserted that the Mahdi and King John of Abyssinia have signed a convention to the effect that King John shall remain neutral, and in return shall receive a port on the Red sea and a large accession of territory.

Seven thousand Arabs have re-entrained the force of Osman Digma, who has taken command in person. He has also received 15,000 British troops. Two Egyptian battalions, with two Gatling guns and twenty tons of ammunition, will start for Assouan on Thursday, and English troops will follow.

New York, Feb. 25.—A Cairo special says the news from Khartoum this morning is somewhat alarming, and indicates that Gen. Gordon has changed his plans in regard to the Sudan. The latest report says that the general, having become convinced of the danger of attempting to hold Khartoum on account of the rebellious spirit shown by a number of sheiks, who so warmly received him on his entrance into Khartoum, has determined on evacuating the place at once. He has destroyed all the military stores and packed all the guns, which would be liable to encumber a retreat from the town, so as to prevent them from falling into hands of Mahdi, who is reported as making a forced march upon Khartoum. He has sent Col. Goddard to Berber with 2,000 of the Garrison of Khartoum.

It is reported that the Biskareen Arabs to the south of Khartoum have revolted, and are awaiting the Mahdi to join his forces. Mahmud Ali, who has heretofore protested his loyalty to the British cause, has now gone over to the rebels with his tribe.

A Dynamite Explosion.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a terrible explosion occurred in a clock room at the Victoria railway station in London. The explosive agent was undoubtedly dynamite. A large portion of the roof was blown off, and nearly all the glass work in the station was destroyed. Seven men were sent to the hospital with severe injuries. Extensive damage was done to surrounding property.

Two reports accompanied the explosion, the noise being like that of the discharge from a cannon, and was followed by an immediate rushing of flames. The booking office, clock room, and waiting room were completely shattered, and a few confused masses of debris. Luckily, all trains had ceased running, and only a few persons were about the station.

New Jersey Republicans.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 25.—The Republican State committee met here to-night, thirteen members being present and ex-senator Horner presiding. A call was issued for the holding of a state convention on April 23, at noon. It was recommended that district delegates be elected to the Chicago convention at the state convention of the state delegates. The appointments of delegates will be one for every 200 republican votes at the last presidential convention. The rules of the national convention will govern the state convention.

Henry Irving in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Henry Irving, Miss Ellen Terry and the Lyceum company opened to an overflowing house to-night at the Boston theater, in "Louis XI" and "The Belles Strategem." Mr. Irving appearing as "Louis," and both Mr. Irving and Miss Terry in the latter play, achieving renewed success. The reception accorded both was most enthusiastic. The receipts for the evening are estimated at \$4,100. Mr. Edwin Booth appeared at the Globe theater as "King Lear."

Young Girls Take the Veil.

WILKES-BARRE, Feb. 25.—Miss Mamie, daughter of John Cassidy, superintendent of the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and Miss Katie Gibson, of Pittsburgh, renounced the world this afternoon, and took the veil at St. Mary's convent. Bishop O'Hara officiated at the ceremony.

Death of Ex-Gov. Price.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Ex-Gov. Samuel Price, aged 79, of Lewisburg, died this morning. Gov. Price was appointed United States senator by Gov. Matthews, filling a portion of the unexpired term of Senator Caperton, who died shortly after his election.

A Cannibal Investigation.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—The investigation ordered by the mayor with the view of having the late Sister Yvonne, the foundress of the order of Grey Nuns here, canonized is in progress.

PROGRESS BEFORE MR. FABRE. The inquiry will be exhaustive and minute, involving the whole career throughout life. Several of the clergy of the diocese are also engaged in the proceedings.

NOT A LIKELY STORY. But the Negro Is Dead and Cannot Tell Anything Now.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 25.—Information has just been received in this city of a singular shooting affair a day or two ago in Lunenburg county, this state, a section inaccessible by railroad, and almost devoid of telegraphic facilities. A farmer of the county, named David Elmer, was walking along the highway when he was accosted by a negro, whose name has not been ascertained, and who said to him: "Have you ever been to hell?" Elmer, thinking the negro was joking, laughed, and replied, "I have not." "Well," shouted the negro, "then it is most time you should go there," and while speaking he pulled a pistol and fired two shots at Elmer, the effect of which, fortunately, took effect. Elmer, seeing his life endangered by what he considered a madman, drew his revolver and fired. At this the negro turned and ran, not, however, until Elmer had fired a second shot, which, it appeared later, took effect in the negro's hip and proved fatal, as his body was subsequently found in a dense thicket not far from the road.

Some Serious Fires.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—The steamer Sansalla, plying between here and San Quintin, was burned at the latter place last night. The steamer cost \$150,000 and was owned by the North Pacific Coast Railroad company.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The hotel house, engine room, and other minor buildings connected with the works of the Calumet Iron and Steel company, at Cummings station, were burned last night. Loss, \$30,000.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 25.—A special from Hermietta says: The Central hotel, the shield newspaper office, and five of the principal business houses were burned last night. Loss, \$100,000.

DENVER, COLO., Feb. 25.—This morning fire destroyed the National and Nashville hotels, two of the best buildings occupied by lodging houses for railroad laborers. Four men—Whalen, Maguire, Sullivan, and one unknown man—perished, and the bodies were burned to cinders. Two other occupants, including several women and children, having escaped to the street, lives were saved from second-story windows. Loss is \$5,000.

The Row in the Baltimore City Government.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—The majority of the first branch of the city council on Wednesday last passed an ordinance abolishing the office of fire marshal and substituting instead a commission of three to manage the fire department. The majority, eight republican and fusion members, went out on the twelfth instant and have not since returned. It is claimed by those opposed to the change that the object is to get possession of the fire marshal's office and destroy testimony to be used against the members of the old fire board, who are under indictment for malfeasance.

To-day the city council and city solicitor are holding a session to consider the ordinance. To-day the ordinance came up in the second branch, and that body postponed its consideration until the tenth of March. The trial of the old fire commissioners is appointed for the third of March, so that a solution of the difficulty is now possible.

A Bust of Longfellow for Westminster Abbey.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A private view has been given of M. Thomas Brock's memorial bust of Longfellow, which is to be unveiled in Westminster abbey next Saturday. It is of pure white marble and is slightly larger than life. It represents the poet at the best period of old age, with the noble white hair flowing hair, and full beard. The subject has been treated with boldness and effect, and it is regarded as a strong and beautiful work.

The poet's daughter pronounces the likeness striking, but it is to be placed in a conspicuous angle of the poet's corner, between the busts of Chaucer and Dryden. It will bear the following inscription left by Dean Stanley: "This bust was placed among the memorials of the poets of England by English artists of an American poet."

The memorial committee has invited Mr. Gladstone to unveil the monument.

Strikes of Mill Operatives.

AMSTERDAM, Mass., Feb. 25.—The weavers, spinners, corders and spinners in No. 1 mill worked at 11 o'clock this forenoon. Some have left the No. 6 and 7 mills. The operatives in the Williston mills at East Hampton have all struck against a reduction of 3 per cent. in their wages.

Burial of Boyd, the Arctic Explorer.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The body of George W. Boyd, the hero of the Arctic expedition, arrived in this city late last evening, was buried in this afternoon from the residence of the mother of the deceased. The obsequies were quietly conducted, the ceremonies being read at the grave instead of at the house. The pallbearers were young men, members of a social club of which Boyd was a member. He left for his last voyage in a detachment of marines fired a salute over the grave.

An American Ship Seized.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 25.—An American ship which arrived here for repairs was seized by Spanish revenue officers for anchoring in Spanish waters, and was subjected to a heavy fine on the charge of breaking bulk. The captain demanded British protection, for it was believed that the anchorage, which the pilot had chosen, was in British waters. The port dues would have been paid within ten days, as usual.

The Crevasse Widening.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 25.—The crevasse below Delta is now 1,500 feet wide and five feet deep. It is steadily increasing. No news has been received here regarding the crevasse in at Greenville since that given two weeks ago by the government engineers and telegraphed at the time.

The Boston Eulogy on Wendell Phillips.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—George William Curtis has accepted the invitation of the city government to deliver the eulogy on Wendell Phillips, and he has selected Wednesday, April 16, as the time for his delivery.

Fight Between Two Aldermen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Aldermen Roscoe and Matthews, of Brooklyn, had a knock-down fight to-day, as a result of a quarrel relative to appointments. Friends separated them before much damage was done.

Against the Morrison Tariff Bill.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 25.—In the senate today Mr. Youngblood's resolution, that the congressmen of this state oppose the tariff bill of Mr. Morrison, was passed by a vote of 18 to 2, after a lengthy debate.

EXPERT WIRE WORKING.

Dr. Norvin Green Enlightens the Senate Committee on Various Telegraphic Matters.

He Tells in a General Way Much That the Public Already Know.

The Manner in Which the Western Union Has Grown to Its Present Proportions.

The Unaccounted Millions That Were Put into the Plant.

Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, appeared yesterday afternoon (in response to subpoena) before a subcommittee of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads. He was accompanied by ex-Attorney General Gwinn, of Maryland.

He said some of the committee's interrogatories were such as he was not at liberty to answer. They involved private contracts and matters which were not in his control, either as president or in his individual capacity. Senator Hill said that if any of the questions involved matters not within the scope of the senate resolutions the committee would not press the questions.

Dr. Green hoped the committee would not press the production of the company's contracts. Their production would properly subject him to censure. Other parties to the contracts would have a right to object to their publicity. He had met with difficulty in securing liberty to submit the Associated Press contract. In view of the misrepresentation which had been made to the Associated Press had given its consent.

Senator Hill said that the contract furnished to the committee referred to the terms of former contracts of which the committee knew nothing.

Dr. Green said he didn't think the committee was likely to ask anything he would not answer about it.

Mr. Hill said that probably the points upon which he would not give information would be those upon which the committee should make no information.

Dr. Green rejoined that he would say this: that no terms were granted to the Associated Press papers that were not open to any other papers, and further said he would advocate supplying the original contracts, which, by the terms of the contract furnished the committee, were "now in force," but could not do so without the consent of his executive committee.

Mr. Hill said that to furnish copies of the contracts already within the scope of the resolution.

"We think not, sir," said Mr. Gwinn. Mr. Hill read the resolution and began to express an opinion when Dr. Green suggested that the question be left until reached in the order of the committee.

Proceeding with the interrogatories in their order, Dr. Green said it would require a long time to ascertain what mileage in poles and wire the Western Union company owned.

Many companies which carried by Western Union purposes of making available their franchises; but their stock was nearly all the property of the Western Union company.

Dr. Green named several companies which had been absorbed, but which were maintained as separate organizations, the Western Union being the sole stockholder.

Mr. Wilson asked if the stock of these companies formed the basis of additional stock of the Western Union.

Dr. Green said that the Western Union had only issued stock sufficient to purchase the companies. The Western Union never counted this purchase stock among the company's assets. The stock, Mr. Wilson suggested, was not retired; it was still living stock.

Dr. Green assented.

With this explanation, Dr. Green said the Western Union pole lines amounted to 114,000 miles, and those "leased and controlled" to 30,000 miles. There was no part of the 144,000 miles of which the Western Union owned less than 95 per cent. With the same explanation there stood on the books 218,517 miles of wire owned, and 82,900 miles of wire "leased and controlled."

Question: What amount of rental do you pay for lines?

Answer: The annual amount paid last year was \$528,233 for rental of lines, \$700,000 for two cables, \$210,000 interest on stock of gold and stock company, and \$85,000 for the Cuba cable. The only other consideration for service of the kind was the sending of free messages. The number of free messages sent last year was 1,080,306. Seven-eighths of the number were railroad messages.

The only absolutely free franks were those sent by prominent officers of the railroad, and those franks covered only family and personal messages. The railroad business was not a free service. A valuable consideration was received.

Dr. Green said the committee a large amount of information in detail respecting the number of the offices and instruments of the company, its expense, &c.

Mr. Gardner G. Hubbard expressed a desire to ask a question. Dr. Green, however, protested against the question being asked by persons who only aim was to destroy the value of the Western Union property. There was a person present, he said, who had instigated all sorts of proceedings against the Western Union, and had made it his boast that he had done so. He said that he had referred they should be handed to the chairman and asked by him.

Senator Hill said Mr. Hubbard had made the subject a study, and expressed the opinion that if his questions were proper ones they should be no objection to answering them.

Mr. Hubbard asked if he had ever done anything to destroy the value of Western Union property.

Dr. Green replied that he believed Mr. Hubbard had made misrepresentations in his paper and in his speech.

Mr. Hubbard said he had explained that he was not sure of the supposed facts he had stated, and had only asked the committee to ascertain the truth. He had never attempted to destroy the value of Western Union property, and Dr. Green very well knew it.

Senator Hill asked how many patents the company owned.

Dr. Green replied that he could not tell. It was surprising how many patents had to be acquired to secure control of one instrument. The gold and stock instruments probably included 300 or 400 patents. He had always regarded the Patents as the most valuable one the company owned. The supreme court had just pronounced that patent valid, but the courts in which cases were tried were so slow in their proceedings that no one had ever been interfered with. Before cases were concluded the offending companies had been brought into the Western Union. Dr. Green then stated in detail the amounts paid for each piece of telegraphic property purchased by the Western Union company since 1855. There was, he said, no stock increase of any importance between 1855 and 1881. During the latter year the stock of the Atlantic and Pacific company had been purchased for \$8,400,000, and the stock and bonds of the American Union for \$10,000,000. Stock of the Western Union was issued to pay these amounts—\$23,400,000 in all. Previous to the purchase the Western Union company had been building lines for year by year from its earnings, but without capitalizing the increase. These new companies were secured by an exchange of Western Union stock for their own—by an exchange of Western Union stock for their own.

Before commencing the bargain the Western Union company said to the others, "You

cannot, of course, expect to become shakers in our surplus of \$17,000,000." It was decided then to capitalize and divide the surplus, which was done.

In reply to inquiries by Senator Hill, Dr. Green said he could not tell how much it would have cost the Western Union company to build the same amount of the which was secured by those purchases. He was not an expert builder. He would say, however, that the Western Union company could not have kept pace with the demands of the public by building alone. The company had suspended stock dividends for four years, and put all its earnings into plant.

The stockholders, however, would no longer submit to this.

The committee at 5 p. m. adjourned till 10:30 to-day, when Dr. Green's examination will be continued.

Another Walking Match.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The articles of agreement for a six-day, go-as-you-please race to commence at Madison Square garden Monday, April 29, were signed to-day by Rowell, Fitzgerald, Vint, and Noremec. Among others present were Isaac Smith, Burrell, and Howard, all of whom will enter on or before April 1. The lacker of Daniel Herty wrote from Boston saying that his money would be ready before the entries closed.

Reception to Lieut. Harber.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, Feb. 25.—Lieut. Harber, who has just returned from Siberia with the bodies of De Long and comrades, arrived here this afternoon and was tendered a public reception in the opera house to-night. Five thousand persons were present during the evening.

Cast Iron Guns on Hand.

The secretary of war sent to the senate yesterday, in response to a resolution of inquiry, a report from the chief of ordnance showing the number, caliber, weight, and value of all cast iron guns on hand, condemned, or unfit for use. The report states that there are at the arsenals in the United States 123 cast iron guns weighing in the aggregate 501,065 pounds, and at the various forts 515 of these guns, weighing 4,244,391 pounds, and that the value of the guns will average three-quarters of a cent per pound. The report also states that it is believed that 515 of the 62 guns on hand are so cumbersome and unwieldy that the cost of their handling and transportation would prevent their acceptance by parties to whom they have been or may be donated, and that it is doubtful whether they are not too heavy for the purpose of ornamentation of cemeteries.

The report closes with the statement that, judging from the kind of guns thus far required by the organizations applying for them, it may be stated that the supply of guns for such purposes is practically exhausted.

Alexandria County.

A meeting of the citizens of Alexandria county was held on Saturday night at the Columbia school house, Arlington, to ascertain what legislation, if any, was necessary for the benefit of the county. C. B. Graham, was elected chairman, and W. N. Reed, secretary. After a fair interchange of opinions, it was decided that the road law of the county was a complete failure, and thereupon a committee of nine, viz: C. B. Graham, John E. Williams, H. T. Ford, and John E. Ford, of Arlington; W. H. Hatch, Frank Hume, and S. W. Hagenbach, of Jefferson, and N. Febray, E. S. K. Debie, and A. B. Grunwell, of Washington district, was appointed to draft a petition, requesting the legislature to abolish the special road law of the county; also to prepare a bill for letting out the working of the roads by contract—the committee to meet at the court house on Wednesday morning.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Walker school house, Ball's Cross Roads, on Saturday, the first day of March.

The Wolf Tone Club.

The second ball of the season of the Wolf Tone club was given last evening at Washington hall, Capitol hill. Among those present were Messrs. Ansell Plant, Russell, McCormick, Morgan, Brendon, Curtin, Neale, Mulcahy, Clancy, Barrett, Costello, Mary and Kate Oats, Flinn, Kelley, McDonald, McAllister, Sparks, Messrs. James Plant, Flynn, McAllister, Dowling, Lamahan, Claven, Duffy, Kelly, McCormick, Glaney, Scherka, Killian, Capt. O'Meara, Condon, Daily, C. Parker, Butler, Benson, and Burns. The hall was beautifully decorated. Dancing was continued until an early hour this morning.

Raising the Mayflower.

Preparations have been completed by the Baker Wrecking company for raising the sunken tug Mayflower, at the navy yard, and she will be raised to-day. The process of raising is by placing four large air-tight metal tanks, filled with water, around her, and when sealed, the water is pumped out and the ship rises to the surface.

A Very Valuable Opinion.

Mr. George K. Chase, of New York city, formerly an examiner of the department of justice, was examined yesterday before Mr. Springer's committee in regard to his investigation of the official conduct of ex-Marshall Murray, of Kentucky, now governor of Utah. The witness was of opinion that the ex-marshall was totally unfit for the position he had held.

A Soldier's Home Appointment.

The President has detailed Capt. Wyly Lyman, of the 5th infantry, to be deputy governor of the Soldiers' home, vice Col. A. D. Nelson, resigned. Capt. Lyman is now on duty in the war department. He is a brother-in-law of Senator Edmunds. Lieut. James A. Buchanan, 14th infantry, will relieve Capt. Lyman of his present duty.

A Sacerdotal Shot.

While a meeting was being held by the vestry of Grace P. E. church, corner of Ninth and D streets southwest, last night about 8:30 o'clock, some unknown person fired a pistol, the ball striking just below one of the windows. If it had struck about two inches higher some one might have been killed or wounded.

At Lincoln Hall.

The lengthy and interesting programme of the Lincoln hall amusements last evening was well rendered and very entertaining. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The singing of the Arion quartette, of this city, and the Electric quartette deserve special mention.

Death of an Army Officer.

The adjutant general is informed of the death of Capt. Kenzie Bates, 1st infantry, at Detroit. This will promote Lieut. D. M. Scott to be captain, and Second Lieut. Nat P. Fletcher to be first lieutenant.

Greely Relief.

Lieut. W. H. Emory, Jr., U. S. N., who has been detailed to command the steamer Bear on the Greely relief expedition, will leave Washington to-morrow to superintend the fitting out of that vessel.

Fire This Morning.

An alarm was turned in this morning at 1:30 o'clock from box 216, caused by a slight fire in the rear of a house on Q. between sixteenth and seventeenth streets northwest. Damage slight.

The Weather.

Light rain, followed by clearing, slightly warmer weather, light shifting to wind and sea, falling, followed by rising barometer.

Temperature: thermometer 7 a. m., 32°; 11 a. m., 42°; 5 p. m., 48°; 7 p. m., 45°; 11 p. m., 43°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 31°.

MRS. ANGUS CAMERON'S TEA.

A Pleasant Entertainment at the House of the Wisconsin Senator.

Mrs. Angus Cameron, wife of the Wisconsin senator, gave a tea at her residence, on Capitol hill, from 3 to 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, which was one of the most brilliant gatherings of its kind that has marked this unusual season. The company was invited in honor of her niece, Mrs. Gulick-Brown, who has been her guest for the past week. Senator Cameron, who is with the outrage committee at Copiah county, Miss., was missed from the gay company. Mrs. Cameron received in a private toilet Mrs. Ostrum silk with bonnet and draperies of Chantilly lace. Mrs. Gulick-Brown wore lilac silk and broad velvet with draperies of lilac tulle. The suite of parlors was crowded during the afternoon, as well as the dining room, which was a handsome a la carte dinner was served. Among those present were Mrs. Teller, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. and Miss Cullum, Mrs. and Miss Harrison, Miss Kate Davis, Mrs. Warner Miller, Mrs. and Miss Churchill, Mrs. Justin Morrill, Mrs. James Church, Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Preston, Powers, Mrs. Charles R. Skinner, Mrs. M. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Jeffords, Mrs. Mahone, Darones Fava, Mrs. Joseph R. Hawley, Miss Foote, Mrs. O. D. Conger, Mrs. Frank Conger, Mrs. and Miss Brown, Mrs. Bowen, Miss Paschal, Senator Fair, Senator and Mrs. Ingalls, Mrs. Orville Platt, Mrs. Salin, Mrs. J. G. Carlisle, Gen. and Mrs. Dunn, Treasurer and Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, Mrs. John R. Glasscock, Miss Wall, Mrs. T. C. Grand, Mrs. Burr Jones, Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. J. G. Cannon, Miss Cannon, Mrs. George W. Steele, Mrs. Martin Maginnis, Mrs. H. F. Page, Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. B. F. Felix, Mrs. Van Antwerp, Mrs. S. G. Pomeroy, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Carroll, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Paschal, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. J. C. Doro, Mrs. and Miss Lacey, Miss Lowery, the Misses Williamson, Mrs. and Miss Kennedy, Representative and Mrs. Beach, the Misses Beach, Miss Hall, Mrs. Frank Hiscock, and many others.

Mrs. Post, wife of the delegate from Wyoming, will not hold her usual Tuesday reception to-day.

The Minnesota Social.

The Minnesota Social club gave its eighth ball last evening at Old Fellows' hall, south-east. The grand march commenced at 9 o'clock and was led by Mr. Gus Teacham, the president of the club, and Miss Luckett. Among those present were Misses Mollie Bayne, Louise, and Misses Beck, Beck, McDermott, Maggie and Katie Phelps, Edlin, Minnie Parrott, Mrs. Richard Mann, Mrs. McKenzie, Rheinhardt, Maggie Rockett, Rena Offutt, Kinslow, Maggie Webster, Adeline Roach, Eva Myers, Minerva Ferrall, John, Charles, and Addie Warfield, Ella Barker, Watson, Manie Marr, Addie Caywood, Susie Espita, McAllister, Messrs. Graham, Mann, Hepner, Kidwell, McKenzie, Sheenahan, Prof. Batts, Collinsworth, Stromberger, Childs, Stewart, Dr. Deane Miller, Phelps, Smallwood, and Prof. Anderson.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. Platt last evening at her residence at 629 S. Street northwest, by her friends and members of Minnehaha lodge of Good Templars. A programme of solos, choruses, &c., was rendered. During the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Platt, assisted by her daughter, Miss Hattie. Dancing continued until a late hour. Among those present were Mrs. Darragh, Mrs. Darragh, Mrs. Laura, Mrs. Loring, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Frost, Misses Nannie Pearson, Laura Baker, May and Sallie Evans, Nettie Hutton, Lucy Rogers, Hattie, Miss Annie, and Dora Held, Messrs. Darragh, Darragh, Sumner, Frost, J. A. Foster, Charles, and Dr. Darragh, Chapin, Hurt, Mallard, Cheeks, Derdinger, Kalstrom, and Dr. Cauden.

The Brakeman Blown From the Engine.

It was William E. Hull, not Hall, who died in the Baltimore city hospital from injuries received by being blown from his engine. The archbishop of the latter blasted and threw the furnace door open, and the sudden escape of steam knocked him off. The engineer escaped without injury. The accident happened Sunday at 4:30 a. m. Mr. Hull was 21 years old. He was unmarried, and three years ago he came from Pittsburg, Pa., and since then he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad on its various lines as fireman. His funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon from the residence of his father, William C. Hull, 624 Third Street.

Gallagher-Stanton.

The marriage of Mrs. Sophie Stanton and Mr. James Gallagher, of West Washington, was quietly celebrated at St. Peter's church yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

For the Poor.

A pious party and panegyric festival will be given this (Shrove Tuesday) evening in the church of St. Augustine's church for the benefit of the poor.

PERSONAL.

Col. and Mrs. Ellsworth, of Rochester, N. Y., are stopping at the Arlington.

Mrs. George B. Clason, of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Huntley.

Charles Wooding, Indian territory; Robert Fern, Danville, Va.; and Frank Banks, Indian territory, are at Carson's hotel.

Dr. S. J. Radcliffe, who has been seriously ill for some time, is much better, and will be able to go out a few days.

John C. Bennett, nee Rodden ("Howard Glyndon"), is now stopping with relatives at No. 1613 Thirteenth street northwest.